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Addendum

Note by the Secretariat

Agreed amendments to the text of the draft political declaration*

1. Insert new paragraph following article 3 to read:

(3.) bis [European Union (EU)/United States of America (US): **(Mexico: We emphasize [Group of 77 and China (G77): the importance of] (G77: that enhanced) international cooperation (G77: is essential) to fully implement the International Plan of Action on Ageing, therefore, we encourage the international community to (G77: further promote) [G77: strengthen the mechanisms already established to enhance] cooperation among all actors involved.)] (*Canada/G77/Mexico/Japan — separate last sentence into new para. — placement to be decided*)**

2. Delete article 7 (former article 11) ***(Agreed)***

3. Insert new paragraph following article 5 to read:

(5.) bis. We recognize that concerted action is required to empower men and women take advantage of opportunities and achieve quality of life as they age and to ensure the sustainability of their support systems, thus building the foundation for a society for all ages. ***(Agreed)***

4. Insert new paragraph following article 10 to read:

(10) bis. (EU: We emphasize the importance of [US/Canada: a worldwide] (US/Canada: international) research [US/Canada: agenda] on ageing and age related issues, as an important instrument for ageing policy formulation.(,) [US/Canada: Governments, in collaboration with research institutions, statistical institutes, population centres, universities and non-governmental organizations should strengthen information systems to produce] (US/Canada: based on) reliable and harmonized data and indicators.)

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5. Insert new paragraph following article 12 to read:

(12.) bis. (G77: We reaffirm that health is a (EU: global public good) [EU: fundamental human right] and that the attainment of the highest possible level of health is a most important worldwide social goal, the realization of which requires action of many other social and economic sectors in addition to the health sector. We commit ourselves to providing older persons with universal and equal access to healthcare services and we recognize that the growing need for care and treatment of an ageing population requires additional policies, in particular, the promotion of healthy lifestyles and supportive environments. We shall promote independence, accessibility and the empowerment of older persons to participate fully in all aspects of society. We recognize their contribution to development in their role as caregivers, particularly for children with chronic diseases, including HIV/AIDS. (*US: delete whole of 12 bis*)

6. Replace article 17 (former article 15) with the following text:

We invite all people in all countries from every sector of society, individually and collectively, to join in our dedication to a shared vision of equality for persons of all ages. (***Agreed***)